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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/199 of 20 December 2000, 56/226 of 24 December 2001, 57/253 of 20 December 2002 and 57/270 A and B of 20 December 2002 and 23 June 2003, respectively,

Recalling also the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,[1] Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[4] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5]

Reaffirming the commitment to achieving the time-bound goals and targets of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and other internationally agreed

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

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development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[6]

Expressing its satisfaction that the Commission on Sustainable Development, at its eleventh session, agreed on its organization of work and its multi-year programme of work, as well as new methods of work aimed at promoting and supporting implementation,

Noting the adoption by the Commission at its eleventh session of guidelines on partnership initiatives voluntarily undertaken by some Governments, international organizations and major groups, announced at the Summit and in the follow-up to the Summit,

Reaffirming the continuing need to ensure a balance between economic development, social development and environmental protection as interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development,

Reaffirming also that poverty eradication, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption, and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are overarching objectives of, and essential requirements for, sustainable development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[7] on the activities undertaken in implementation of Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21[3] and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

2. *Reiterates* that sustainable development is a key element of the overarching framework for United Nations activities, in particular for achieving the goals and targets of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation[5] and other internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;[6]

3. *Calls upon* Governments, United Nations funds, programmes, regional economic commissions and specialized agencies, international financial institutions and the Global Environment Facility, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and major groups, to take actions to ensure the effective implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to enhance system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and in this regard to present his report on an integrated and comprehensive response of the United Nations to sustainable development to the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Sustainable Development in 2004;

5. *Welcomes* the decision of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eleventh session to invite the regional commissions, in collaboration with the secretariat of the Commission, to organize regional implementation meetings in order to contribute to the work of the Commission, and in this regard urges the

[6] See resolution 55/2.
[7] A/58/210.

regional commissions to take into account the relevant thematic clusters contained in the Commission's programme of work;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present one report for each of the issues included in the thematic cluster to be considered by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth session, as well as a report on the overall progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, reflecting the interconnectivity among the three pillars of sustainable development and focusing on means of implementation;

7. *Decides* to allocate the resources previously devoted to the former ad hoc intersessional working groups of the Commission to support the participation of representatives of States members of the Commission in their respective regional meetings in each implementation cycle;

8. *Decides also* to allocate the resources previously devoted to the work of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development to the subprogramme on sustainable development in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 for the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development in order to support the participation of developing countries in the work and activities of the Commission, as well as in regional meetings;

9. *Encourages* Governments and organizations at all levels, as well as major groups, to undertake initiatives and activities to support the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development and to promote and facilitate the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

10. *Calls* for the implementation of the commitments, programmes and time-bound targets adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development and, to this end, for the fulfilment of the provisions of the means of implementation, as contained in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and encourages countries to report on concrete progress in this regard;

11. *Requests* the Commission on Sustainable Development, in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, in reviewing cross-cutting issues in the relevant thematic clusters, to examine progress in the provision of the means of implementation, utilizing inputs from relevant United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental organizations;

12. *Urges* the Secretariat to take into due account the national reports in the preparation of the reports of the Secretary-General referred to in paragraph 6 above;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development", and requests the Secretary-General, at that session, to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.